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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SCIENTIFIC STUDY TEAM VISITS WASHINGTON MARCH 27-28

DEPT PASS TO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR J.E.O'CONNELL

SUMMARY: HIGH-LEVEL GOJ SCIENTIFIC STUDY TEAM WILL VISIT WASHINGTON, BRAZIL, AND MEXICO MARCH 27 TO APRIL 9. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT AND NSF HELP WHILE TEAM IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. GOJ OFFICIAL FROM STA (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY) VISITED EMBASSY TO INFORM EMBOFFS OF UPCOMING STUDY TRIP TO US AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CFS&T). CFS&T IS CABINET-LEVEL ADVISORY BODY TO PRIME MINISTER ON GOJ POLICIES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ANNUAL TRIPS BY STUDY TEAMS BEGAN IN 1959, BUT THIS WILL BE FIRST VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA. GOJ TEAM WILL SPEND MARCH 27 AND 28 IN WASHINGTON FOR ORIEINTATION BEFORE GOING ON TO BRAZIL (MARCH 31-APRIL 5) AND MEXICO (APRIL 7-9).

2. DURING TWO FULL DAYS MARCH 27-28, STUDY TEAM WISHES APPOINTMENTS AT DEPARTMENT AND AT NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION TO STUDY US BILATERAL S&T PROGRAMS WITH BRAZIL AND MEXICO. OTHER PLACES IT WILL VISIT IN WASHINGTON ARE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND BANCO INTERAMERICANO DE DESARROLLO.

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3. STA OFFICIAL SAID USG AGENCIES HAD ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED

FOR APPOINTMENTS THROUGH GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AND NSF HELP STUDY TEAM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF SENIOR LEVEL OF GOJ REPRESENTATIVES. STA OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT TEAM INCLUDED ONLY ONE NON-GOJ MEMBER BECAUSE OF SOUTH AMERICAN SENSITIVITIES TO PRESENCE OF JAPANESE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES IN SUCH GROUPS.

4. LIST OF NINE MEMBERS FOLLOWS:

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